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SUBJ: PAN AMERICAN AND TOGO

1. IN THE COURSE OF A CALL ON PUBLIC WORKS MINISTER SALAMI, AMBASSADOR MENTIONED RECENT PAN AM REP'S VISIT. SALAMI, WHO FORMER DIRECTOR OF CIVIL AVIATION, HAD NOT HEARD OF VISIT. AMBASSADOR NOTED THAT PAN AM APPEARED TO BE INTERESTED IN BRINGING 747'S THROUGH LOME IF SHOULDERS OF RUNWAY COULD BE BROADENED. SALAMI SAID THAT HE HAD DEVELOPED A PLAN FOR ADAPTION OF RUNWAY TO 747'S WHEN HE HEADED CIVIL AVIATION AND WORK WOULD BE ACCOMPLISHED RAPIDLY. PROBLEM WAS THAT PROJECT WOULD COST ABOUT ONE MILLION DOLLARS AND GOT HAD HIGHER PRIORITIES AT THE MEMENT. HE ASKED JOKINGLY WHETHER USG WAS INTERESTED IN PROVIDING A CREDIT WHICH WOULD ENABLE THE WORK TO BE ACCOMPLISHED. AMBASSADOR SAID THAT HE IMAGINED NOT, BUT THAT SUCH A PROJECT COULD PROBABLY GET COMMERICAL FINANCING.

2. CONVERSATION THEN TURNED TO CONSTRUCTION OF NEW 32 STORY CONFERENCE HOTEL WHICH IS RESPONSIBILITY OF SALAMI'S MINISTRY. SALAMI WAS ASKED WHETHER A DECISION HAD BEEN MADE ON WHICH COMPANY WOULD GET THE MANAGEMENT CONTRACT. HE SAID HE DID NOT BELIEVE SO AND TO DATE ONLY  
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SHERATON AND ITH (UTA'S HOTEL AFFILIATE) HAD SUBMITTED DOSSIERS. MINISTER WAS INFORMED THAT INTERCONTINENTAL REPRESENTATIVE HAD VISITED LOME IN JULY BUT HAD NOT BEEN ABLE TO MAKE APPROPRIATELY HIGH LEVEL CONTACT. SALAMI SAID THAT HE THOUGH IT WOULD BE WORTHWHILE FOR INTERCONTINENTAL OR OTHER INTERESTED AMERICAN COMPANIES TO TAKE PART IN THE COMPETITION BECAUSE DECISION HAS NOT

YET REACHED POLITICAL LEVEL.

3. DEPARTMENT MAY WISH TO SUGGEST TO INTERCONTINENTAL  
THAT MANAGEMENT CONTRACT FOR NEW HOTEL NOT YET DECIDED  
AND A VISIT BY A SENIOR OFFICIAL MIGHT BE WORTHWHILE  
IF THE COMPANY REMAINS INTERESTED IN THE CONTRACT.  
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